



# CITY OF SANTEE

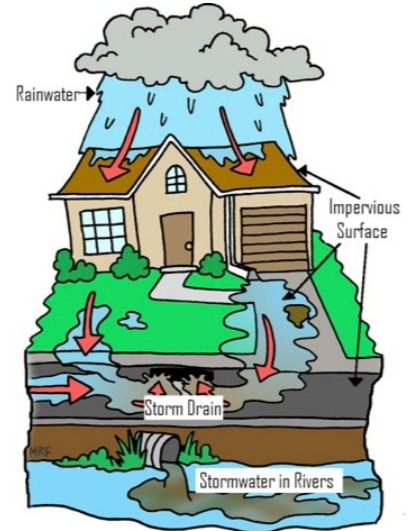
## What is Storm Water Pollution?

### WHAT IS STORM WATER?

Storm water (rain water), picks up pollutants like oil, chemicals, and litter as it flows over streets, parking lots, and other surfaces. This contaminated storm water then flows into the City's storm drain system.

### WHERE DOES IT GO?

The storm drain system is separate from the sewer system. All the water that enters a storm drain ends up in our creeks, rivers, and ultimately the Pacific Ocean completely untreated!



### WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

The San Diego River flows directly through Santee on its way to the Pacific Ocean. It is home to many species, and provides recreation for both residents and visitors. Any pollutant no matter how small can have a big impact downstream.



### WHAT IS A STORM DRAIN?

A storm drain is any outdoor drain. These drains exist for flood control purposes only.

### WHERE ARE THEY?

Storm drains are everywhere! They are in parking lots, along curbs, beside buildings, and even in grass fields.

### WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

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| ⇒ Always Pick-Up After Your Pets       | ⇒ Properly Dispose of Trash, Recyclables, Green Waste, and <u>Keep All Containers Covered</u> |
| ⇒ Sweep it, Don't Hose it Down         |   |
| ⇒ Place Drip Pans Under Vehicles       | ⇒ Keep Storm Drains Clear of All Litter and Debris  |
| ⇒ Regularly Inspect Irrigation Systems | ⇒ Capture and Contain All Wash Water on Your Property   |